

HOUSE No. 77

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition of Anne M. Paulsen and others relative to nomination requirements for statewide offices and presidential electors. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anne M. Paulsen	Kay Khan
Michael Richardson	Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking, in the first sentence, the number “ten thousand” and
4 inserting in place thereof the number “five thousand.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the third sentence in its entirety and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence:—

5 “Every nomination paper of a candidate for a statewide office,
6 including presidential elector, shall be filed with the state secre-
7 tary for certification no later than fourteen days before the final
8 day for filing said papers.”

1 SECTION 3. Section 46 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
3 its place the following:—

4 “Every nomination paper of a candidate for a statewide office
5 shall be filed with the state secretary for certification no later than

6 fourteen days before the final day for filing said papers; provided,
7 however, that before special state primaries, every such nomina-
8 tion paper shall be so submitted on or before five o'clock post
9 meridian of the seventh day preceding the day on which it must be
10 filed with the state secretary."

11 And in the second section by striking the words "said regis-
12 trars," and inserting "state secretary."

1 SECTION 4. Section 9 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following sentence:—

4 "Nomination papers for presidential electors shall list only the
5 name of the presidential candidate and electors."

1 SECTION 5. Section 17 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following sentence:—

4 "All forms for the nomination of candidates and the submission
5 of questions to the voters shall contain adequate and sufficient
6 space for a printed name of the persons signing such forms."

1 SECTION 6. Section 78 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking at the end of the second sentence the terms "and vice
4 president."

1 SECTION 7. Section 78A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following term to the last sentence:— and such list of
4 candidates so certified shall be posted in each polling booth.